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LOK SABHA

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LAND FOR SEZS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of non-operational SEZs in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether a total of 45849 hectare of land has been notified under SEZ Rules for setting up of the Special Economic Zones (SEZs);

(c) if so, the details thereof including the total barren, single and double crop agricultural land notified for the purpose during the last three years;

(d) the reasons for notifying single and double crop agricultural land for the SEZs along with the reaction of the Government thereto;

(e) the State-wise details of the SEZs where single and double crop agricultural land has been acquired; and

(f) whether the Government has any plans to develop SEZs in the wasteland instead of acquiring land in the developed areas?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a): In addition to seven Central Government Special Economic Zones (SEZs) and 12 State/Private Sector SEZs set up prior to the enactment of SEZ Act, 2005, formal approval has been accorded to 588 proposals out of which 386 SEZs presently stand notified. A total of 158 SEZs are exporting. A list showing state wise distribution of SEZs is at Annexure I

(b) to (f): As per entry no. 18 of the State list in the 7th schedule to the Constitution of India, land is a State subject. The Board of Approval on Special Economic Zones (SEZs) approves a proposal for establishment of a SEZ subject to the requirements of minimum area of land and other terms and conditions prescribed in the SEZ Act and Rules. The approval is granted only after the concerned State Government recommends the setting up of the SEZ. To the extent any part of the land under SEZs has been acquired, this has been done by the State Government agencies concerned. The Central Government does not allot any land for SEZs. The Board of Approval on SEZs only considers those proposals, which have been duly recommended by the State Government. State Governments have been advised that in case of land acquisition for SEZs, first priority should be for acquisition of waste and barren land and if necessary single crop agricultural land could be acquired for the SEZs. If perforce a portion of double cropped agricultural land has to be acquired to meet the minimum area requirements, especially for multi product SEZs, the same should not exceed 10% of the total land required for the SEZ.

As per information made available by the SEZ developers in respect of 381 SEZs, 82.3% of land is waste/barren/dry/industrial, 15% of land is single crop and 2.7% of land is double crop. As on 24th July, 2012, formal approvals for SEZs covering a total area of 71655.73 hectares ha3ve been granted. A statement showing state-wise break-up of land area is at Annexure II.